

# Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana

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## Comprehensive Community Plan

**County: Posey**

**LCC: Promoting a Drug Free Community in Posey County**

**Date: 1/15/06**



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**City: Mt. Vernon, IN**

**Zip Code: 47620**

## Plan Summary

**Mission Statement:** We believe alcohol, tobacco and other substance abuses represent one of our nation's most serious social and health problems. It impacts various issues in our community as well: increase in crime, child and spouse abuse and neglect; adverse effects on work production; at-risk pregnancies; educational dropout rates; physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being; and inhibits the growth and development of our citizens and ultimately our society. The devastation created can be greatly reduced through the efforts of citizens working together in a coordinated and comprehensive manner involving all elements of our respective communities. We, the members of the Promoting a Drug-Free Community in Posey County, Inc. (PDFC), support efforts to coordinate a non-discriminatory comprehensive plan coordinate, develop, implement, maintain, or support programs and activities in the areas of prevention/education, intervention/treatment and law enforcement/justice issues as it pertains to substance use and abuse in our community.

**History:** The committee is composed of members representing various sectors of the community. Representation from the following areas have been a part of the committee's ministerial association, courts, schools, mental health, treatment, parents, prosecutor's office, welfare department, law enforcement agencies, city and county offices, medical/nursing, judicial, civic organizations, etc. Efforts are also underway with regard to evaluating and developing the LCC. Our goal is to provide our community with a drug-free environment. This committee was originally formed in May 1989 to address alcohol and other drug concerns as a continuation of substance use/abuse training received in Wisconsin by twenty-one representatives of the Metropolitan School District of Mt. Vernon. At the same time, a parent organization had acquired the Parent-to-Parent program for implementation in our community. Several parents within our community were trained as facilitators of this program. The Parent Advisory Council had a concern regarding drug/alcohol use/abuse among our youth. The types of drugs students were using and the frequency of use were a major concern. In addition, the Parks and Recreation Department was hosting drug/alcohol free parties. These organizations have collaborated on projects throughout the region over the years. A local non-profit agency known as Youth First, Inc. has also partnered with the coalition in the past; the Posey LCC is also the lead agency for the Posey County Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Coalition. The LCC also collaborates with other civic groups, local schools, courts, mental health and other agencies in order to implement various programs and activities in the community.

**Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan:** The Promoting a Drug-Free Community in Posey County, Inc. Local Coordinating Council has three areas of focus: (Prevention/Education, Intervention/Treatment and Justice/Law Enforcement) There is a part-time, paid Coordinator and an executive committee which oversees the LCC functions. The Coalition meets on the second Tuesday of each month, normally at various locations throughout the county. The Posey Drug Free Coalition is dedicated to the work of reducing substance abuse (alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs including addiction, gambling, etc.) in Posey County. As the Local Coordinating Council of the Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana, we accept the responsibility to strive to educate all community members of the dangers of addiction and substance abuse in our community. Our primary focus is to alleviate ATOD and addiction issues in Posey County, Indiana.

Following a Community Forum and after considerable effort and collaboration between members representing law enforcement, educational institutions, mental health professionals, and the community at large, the Promoting a Drug Free Community in Posey County, Inc.'s Comprehensive Plan was developed and accepted by the LCC members. The highest priority of this plan is to heighten public awareness on alcohol, tobacco, and other drug issues. Programs, services, and activities will be solicited, developed, implemented, and/or maintained with regard to the various sectors of the plan. The coalition's primary focus will be the mobilization of the entire community involving the education, treatment, and enforcement involving substance abuse issues in Posey County. Collaboration with justice, law enforcement, Courts, Prosecutor, mental health, and other social service or non-profit agencies will be a priority. With the awareness of the increasing number of methamphetamines labs in rural settings, efforts will focus on this problem in addition to the issue of alcohol and tobacco use and abuse in the county, especially in the youth population. A primary focus will also be on the issue of drunk driving. A continued effort will be made to develop, implement, and maintain treatment programs in the region.

All grants must follow the written By Laws and Comprehensive Plan of the PDFC. All grants must be for alcohol, tobacco, and other drug related (substance abuse/addiction) issues and must fall within treatment/intervention, law enforcement/justice or prevention/education. In an effort to establish a greater sense of accountability, efforts have been made to address the LCC monitoring needs of PDFC grants. Meeting attendance is strongly suggested to those submitting requests. A post grant evaluation process and report is also used by the LCC for monitoring a grant request. Grant requests must be in writing and follow the request format. Evaluation of the grants is either quarterly, semi-annually, or annually depending upon the grant. When applicable, statistics are gathered to ensure the best use of the grant money. In addition, the LCC Coordinator and Chairperson along with an Executive Committee will regularly review and update this Comprehensive Plan and Process to assure greater fulfillment of goals and accountability.

The Coalition supports various Programs, Services, and Activities in the the following areas: grants to schools for Red Ribbon activities, the local DARE Program, educational

and therapeutic resources for education and treatment providers; after school and summer prevention programs; after prom activities; Coordinator contractual services for record keeping, committee work, and other administrative duties; public awareness and relations in prevention and education; technology and equipment for law enforcement and justice; other community work and collaboration by attending events, forums, and educational workshops related to ATOD issues.

## Membership List

**County LCC Name: Promoting a Drug Free Community in Posey County**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Category</b>
<b>Donna Curtis, Coordinator</b>	<b>McFadin Higgins &amp; Folz</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>female</b>	<b>Coordinator (Other-Legal)</b>
<b>Mark Funkhouser Chairperson</b>	<b>Superior Court</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>male</b>	<b>Judiciary</b>
<b>James Folz</b>	<b>Posey County Sheriff</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>male</b>	<b>Law Enforcement</b>
<b>James McDurmon</b>	<b>Posey County Sheriff</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>male</b>	<b>Law Enforcement</b>
<b>Mary Phillips</b>	<b>Dept. of Family Services</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>female</b>	<b>Government</b>
<b>Martha Caine</b>	<b>Tobacco Coalition</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>female</b>	<b>Community Agency</b>
<b>Rich Couture</b>	<b>SW Mental Health</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>male</b>	<b>Treatment</b>
<b>Donna Nix</b>	<b>North Posey Schools</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>female</b>	<b>Education/Medicine</b>
<b>Sandy Krietenstein</b>	<b>North Posey Schools</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>female</b>	<b>Education/Medicine</b>
<b>Patty Seibert</b>	<b>North Posey Schools</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>female</b>	<b>Education/Medicine</b>
<b>Jean Cline</b>	<b>Poseyville Methodist Church</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>female</b>	<b>Religion</b>
<b>Sue Nall</b>	<b>Mt. Vernon Schools</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>female</b>	<b>Education</b>
<b>Grant Beloat</b>	<b>MV Police Dept.</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>male</b>	<b>Law Enforcement</b>
<b>Kathi Isbel</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>female</b>	<b>Civic</b>
				<b>Business</b>
				<b>Youth</b>
				<b>Parent</b>
				<b>Self-help</b>
				<b>Labor</b>
				<b>Media</b>

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## Problem Identification

**Problem Statement #1:** The rate of underage drinking and other drug use among Posey County youth continues to be a significant issue

**Supportive Data:**

- Mt. Vernon City Police Department records show an increase in alcohol and other drug arrests from 7 in 2001 to 15 in 2002 and 23 in 2003.
- Binge drinking was noted in 18% of 8th graders, 29% of 10th graders and 37% of 12th graders. National rates: 13.7%, 24.3% and 31.5%, respectively. (Binge drinking is defined as the consumption of five or more alcoholic drinks at one sitting in the two weeks prior to taking the survey.)
- While the results indicate that the majority of area youth are not harmfully involved with drugs, tobacco or alcohol, the number of area youth reporting that they do use or abuse these substances is alarming and warrants significant concern (see Youth First data as reported on IPRC Survey from Comp Plan).
- In the local survey, 29% of 8th graders, 44% of 10th graders, and 51% of 12th graders use alcohol monthly. National averages: 23%, 38.8% and 52%, respectively.



**Year 1 Update:**

- **County statistics show an youth alcohol and other drug related arrests as an ongoing : 7 in 2001; 15 in 2002; 23 in 2003; 18 in 2004; 18 in 2005.**
- **"A newly released (Youth First) survey of over 6,000 area youth shows some favorable changes in the prevalence of youth substance abuse in Southwest Indiana, but in most cases, alcohol, cigarette, and marijuana use is still higher than the national averages."**
- **The region's 8th, 10th, and 12th graders are two to three times more likely than the national average to drink alcohol on a daily basis**
- **"According to the 2005 Southwest Indiana Youth First Survey, nearly one third of the region's 12th graders report binge drinking within two weeks of taking the survey. This is almost six percent higher than the state average and over three percent higher than the national average."**
- **In the survey from 2005, 1.7 % of 8th graders, 4% of 10th graders, and 6.7% of 12th graders use alcohol monthly. National averages: .6%, 1.3% and 2.8%, respectively.**
- **Marijuana use also declined in some categories, but daily marijuana use continues to be more prevalent than daily alcohol use among local teens.**
- **Probation reports that nine youth were convicted of substance abuse related offenses in 2004; sixty-three youth in the juvenile justice system have been identified as having substance abuse issues in 2004.**
- **In 2006, we will track the number of high school students on probation or arrested for alcohol-related offenses.**

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**Objectives:**

- **Review and evaluate the red ribbon rally and support/fund the activity.**
- **Support and fund after-prom activities at local schools.**
- **Support and fund development of at least one new after school program that addresses ATOD related issues.**

- **Support a regional forum or sponsor a program promoting education/awareness with regard to underage drinking and other drug use.**
- **Support and advocate ATOD/IPRC state surveys and curriculum**
- **Sponsor/support public information media campaigns and ATOD articles.**
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**Year 1 Update:**

- **Based on our evaluation of the rally, we eliminated the county-wide rally and funded grants to local agencies for prevention and site-based Red Ribbon activities and the DARE Program.**
- **Support and funded three afterprom events promoting activities that reduce underage drinking.**
- **Expanded support of an existing after school program to the summer.**
- **No significant action on supporting or sponsoring a local forum promoting education and awareness with regard to underage drinking and other drug use, but the coalition funded materials for local law enforcement community awareness sessions.**
- **No action taken concerning support and advocacy for ATOD/IPRC state surveys and curriculum aside from the Tobacco Coalition promotion of the youth tobacco survey at each high school.**
- **Funded equipment for police for the enforcement of underage drinking.**
- **Set up booths at local events to promote activities and information regarding the problem of underage drinking and other drug use.**
- **Sponsored and supported public information, media campaigns, and ATOD articles and events.**
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**Goals:**

- We will see an increase in the number of programs promoting youth awareness and education about underage drinking and drug use.
- We will promote awareness through the development and support of community education programs or public information outlets.
- We will see a decline in the number of high school students on probation or arrested for alcohol-related offenses.
- We will experience a decline in drinking and/or drug use by high school students.
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**Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:**

- Total number of youth awareness and education programs in 2004 were six as compared to a total of thirteen programs in 2005 (school, afterschool, afterprom, DARE, etc.).
- In 2004, the total # of community education programs or public information outlets was two compare to two in 2005.
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**Problem Statement #2:** The damaging effects of the meth and other drugs in Posey County is increasing significantly and the resources of the courts, social service agencies, private treatment centers, and criminal justice agencies are limited (Original Comp Plan Statement #4.

**Supportive Data:**

- Local law enforcement and court statistics show a serious increase in meth lab arrests with 34 in 2001, 64 in 2002, and 105 in 2003, nearly doubling in each of the last three years.

- Drug-related arrests for 2004 were 116.
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**Year 1 Update:**

- **Meth labs nearly doubled in 2001-2003 and still remain significantly high: 34 in 2001; 64 in 2002; 105 in 2003; 88 in 2004; 74 in 2005.**
- **Overall drug-related arrests for adults are as follows: 26 in 2001; 121 in 2002; 141 in 2003; 116 in 2004; 113 in 2005.**
- **No increase or progress in the lack of public transportation to treatment to local and regional sites.**
- **Twenty-two substance abuse sessions or treatment units have supported by the LCC.**
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**Objectives:**

- **Fund and support law enforcement and justice efforts to relieve understaffing and the need for resources to address the problem.**
- **Help coordinate and support education, awareness, and training.**
- **Support the development of treatment alternatives for non-violent users.**
- **Research and advocate effective sentencing alternatives and programs.**
- **Dialogues will be held on treatment issues for the incarcerated.**
- **We will support programs that work to decrease the use and possession of meth and other drugs.**
- **We will promote an increase in the number of substance abuse treatment evaluations for local incarcerated inmates.**
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**Year 1 Update:**

- **Funded equipment and resources for police, court, and treatment agencies to support efforts of substance abuse cases.**
- **Helped coordinate and support drug education, awareness, and training.**
- **Supported the development of treatment alternatives for individuals with substance abuse issues.**
- **Supported and advocated for effective sentencing alternatives and programs in the form of local Drug/DUI Court Planning Grant.**
- **Dialogues have been held on treatment issues for the incarcerated.**

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- **To increase awareness through development and support of a minimum of four community education programs or public information outlets.**
- **We will support the planning phase of a local drug court, advocating that the planning phase be completed by the end of 2006.**
- **Within one year, evaluate the need and then implement a treatment program for incarcerated adults if feasible and needed.**
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**Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:**

- No treatment for indigent clients was provided in 2004 as compared to twenty-two sessions or units in 2005 as a result of a system implemented to pay for local substance abuse treatment.
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**Problem Statement #3:** Alcohol-related offenses, especially drunk driving, are a significant problem in Posey County (new problem statement added in December, 2005).

**Supportive Data:**

- The Sheriff's Department identified a total of 270 impaired driving related arrests in 1999.
- A decrease in alcohol-related offenses has been noted in most recent years after an increase in previous years: 129 in 2003; 297 in 2003; 208 in 2004; 187 in 2005.
- Alcohol and other drug offenses in the local court system make-up 76% of the total probation cases in 2005.
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**Objectives:**

- **Promote drunk driving awareness through local events and publishing state and national campaigns in the local media.**
- **Fund equipment and resources for police, court, and treatment agencies to address the enforcement and treatment of drunk driving.**
- **Support effective treatment compliance for drunk driving cases.**
- **Implement plan to pay for local substance abuse treatment for the indigent and incarcerated.**
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**Goals:**

- **Adults arrested for alcohol offenses will be reduced by 2%.**
- **Drunk driving arrests will decrease by 2%.**
- **We will support substance abuse treatment evaluations for all habitual drunk driving offenders who are incarcerated.**
- **Support and advocate effective sentencing alternatives or program such as Drug/DUI Court.**
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**Problem Statement #4:** Original Problem Statement #1: The coalition lacks a diverse and representative membership which proves to be an obstacle to a comprehensive approach in strategic planning and collaboration in addressing ATOD issues in Posey County.

This problem statement was dropped during the annual Comprehensive Plan Update in 2005. It is felt that this is not an appropriate problem statement and does not address a specific ATOD related issue in Posey.

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**Problem Statement #5:** Original Problem Statement #5: There is a lack of availability of substance abuse treatment for indigents and incarcerated individuals in Posey County.

This problem statement was dropped during the Comprehensive Plan Update process in 2005. It is felt that this issue, data, goals and objectives are covered in Problem Statement # 2.

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***Please attach the County's Fiscal Report for review!***

**Next Annual Update Due: January, 2007**

**Next Comprehensive Community Plan Due: January, 2009**

**Date of Community Consultant Review:**

**Disclaimer:**

You agree that the information provided within this Plan is subject to the following Terms and Conditions. These Terms and Conditions may be modified at any time and from time to time; the date of the most recent changes or revisions will be established by the Commission and sent electronically to all Local Coordinating Councils.

**Terms and Conditions:**

The information and data provided is presented as factual and accurate. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding the data submitted within the Plan. Failure to do so could result in a "denied approval" by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

The Local Drug Free Communities Fund must be spent according to the goals identified within the plan. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding funds that are collected, allocated, and disbursed within the county. Failure to do so could result in a "denied approval" by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

**Initials:**

**Section C: Local Drug-Free Communities Fund:**

The last complete Fiscal Year for the Posey County LCC was January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

A County Ordinance allowing for distribution of monies by the County Auditor has been approved and passed. We are currently working with the Auditor's Office as the fiscal agent of our funds utilizing local funds to implement our drug education, treatment and enforcement programs listed in our plan. We also have monetary and other support from several organizations located throughout Posey County. Our local LCC receives countermeasure fees through the Auditor's Office; and those funds are spent through claims directly received by the treasurer and coordinator and approved by the committees and full coalition. The balance in the Local Account as of December 31, 2004 was \$39,577.12. The local tobacco coalition also uses this fiscal account and agent, and therefore, the LCC is the lead agency for the local ITPC.

**Posey County Drug-Free Communities Fund**

Collections January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004	\$ 19,943.12
Donations in 2004	\$ 1,300.00
Unused amount (roll over) from 2004	\$18,334.00

Posey County Drug Free Fund Allocations (January-December 2005)

Posey County Drug-Free Community Funds	
Beginning Balance Available for 2005	\$39,577.12
Minimum 25% available to each category.	\$ 9,894.28

**Grants Requested and Awarded:**Prevention

DARE	3571.09
After Prom Activities	1,522.00
Red Ribbon Rally 2004	897.30
Grants to Schools instead of RRR	5,619.75
Healthy Choices Summer Program (Jean Cline)	2,935.00
Public Relations (Community Events/Billboards)	1,124.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,669.78</b>

Treatment

Antabuse prescription	44.06
Physician Expense	102.00
Food at Meeting for LCC Members	49.08
Treatment Resources (counseling)	992.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,187.14</b>

Justice

Coordinator's Salary/Admin. Expenses	1,520.00
Video Cameras in squad car (Law Enforcement)	1,500.00
Intoximeters (Posey Superior Court)	482.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,982.50</b>

Administration/Coordinator

\$4560.00

<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$18,839.42</b>
<b>Administration</b>	<b>\$4,560.00</b>

<b>Total expenses for 2005</b>	<b>23,399.42</b>
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<b>Collections January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005</b>	<b>\$17,123.00</b>
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<b>Unused (rollover from 2005)</b>	<b>\$16,177.70</b>
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<b>Ending Balance as of December 31, 2005</b>	<b>\$33,300.70</b>
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**(Funds available for 2006)**